

11. (Thrice amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 22 [10], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

12. (Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount [present in a maximum dose] of about 1×10^9 Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

13. (Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount [present in a minimum dose] of about 1.7×10^7 Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

14. (Twice Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in a lyophilized form and said saponin is in a diluent.

16. (Thrice amended) The method of claim 23 [15], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

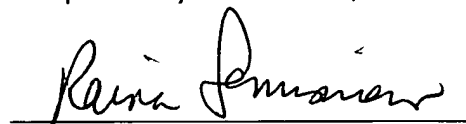
18. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

19. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about 10^5 to about 10^{11} Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

20. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about 10^6 to about 10^{10} Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

21. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about 10^7 to about 10^9 Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

Respectfully submitted,

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